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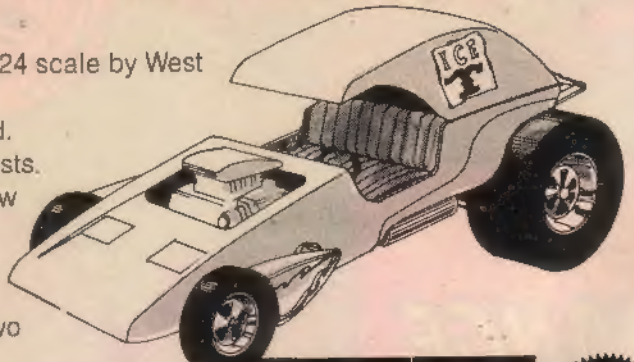

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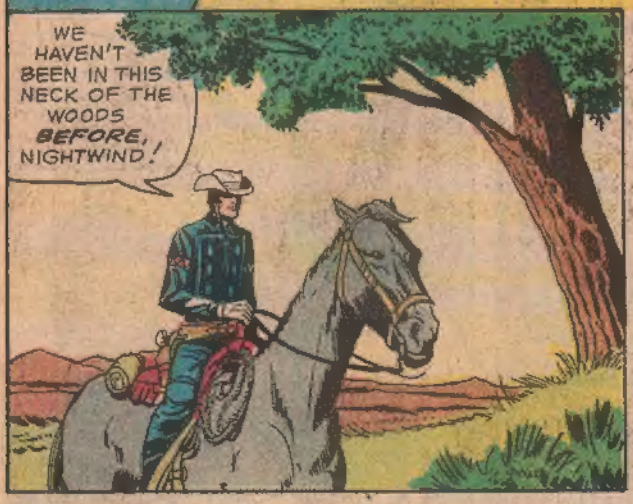

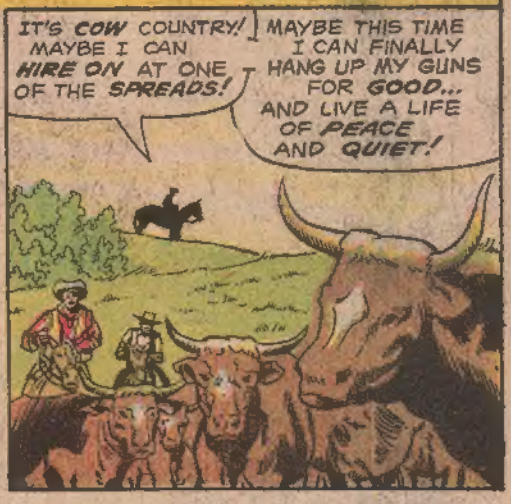
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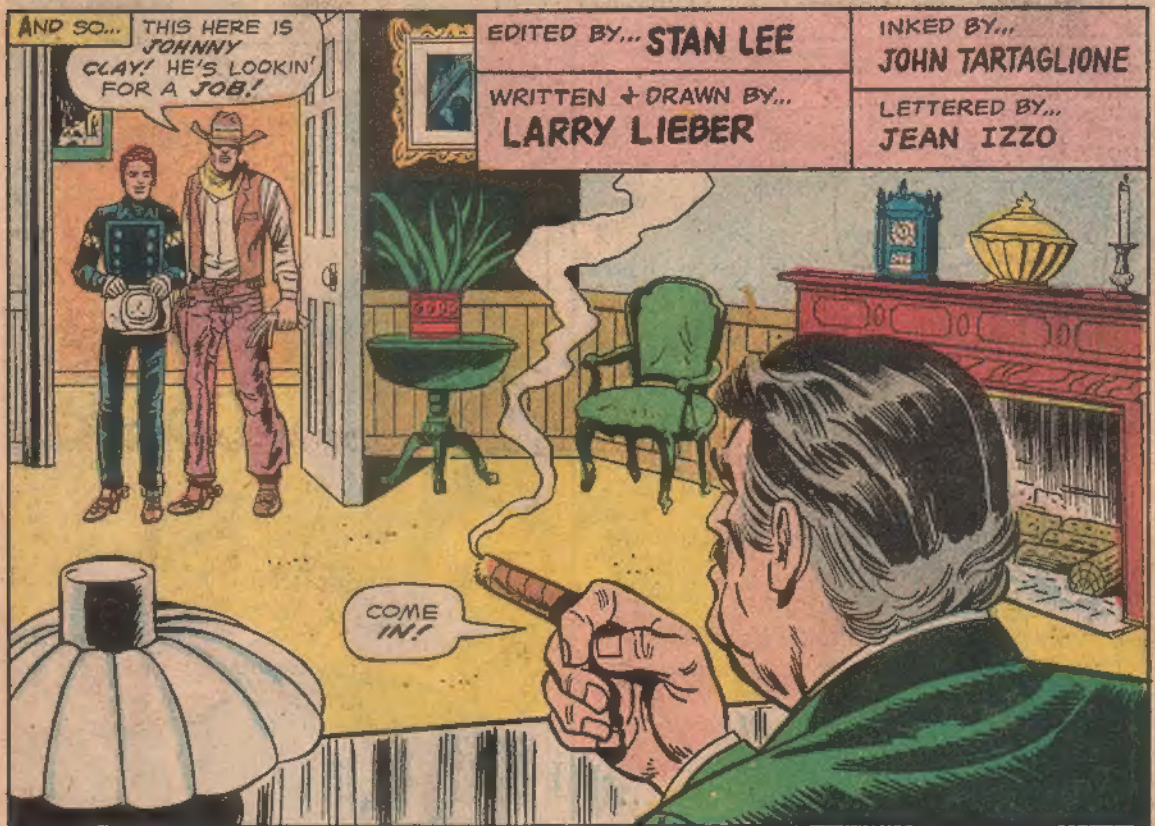

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YUH SEEM A MITE YOUNG! WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
A LOT OF PLACES!
A SADDLE BUM, EH?
HOW COME YOU'RE NOT TOTIN' HARDWARE?
GUNS BRING ON TROUBLE THAT I'M NOT LOOKING FOR!
SOMETIMES IT TAKES GUNS TO END TROUBLE!
BUT NO MATTER! WE CAN USE ANOTHER, WRANGLER! YOU'RE HIRED!
THANKS, MISTER GARRISON!
I'LL PUT MY GEAR IN THE BUNKHOUSE AND REPORT TO THE FOREMAN!
HI! I'M KATHY GARRISON! WHAT'S YOUR HANDLE?
CLAY! JOHNNY, TO MY FRIENDS!
WELL, I SURELY DO HOPE THAT I WILL SOON BE A MEMBER OF THAT FORTUNATE GROUP!
KEEP SMILING LIKE THAT... AND YOU'LL WIN A LIFELONG MEMBERSHIP!
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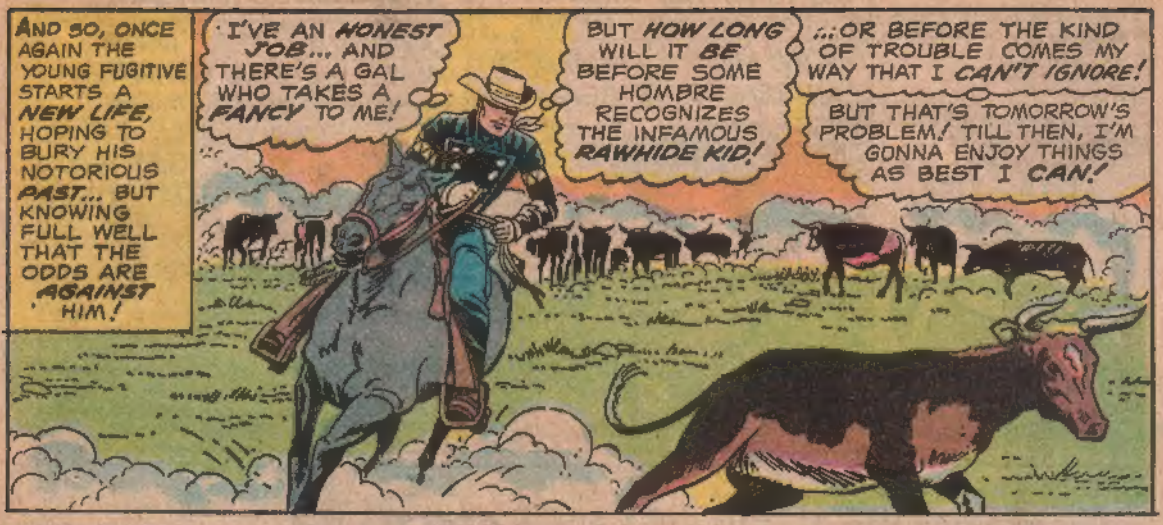
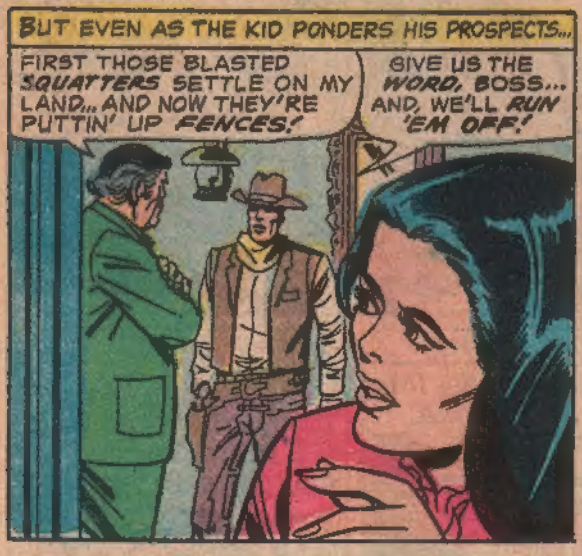
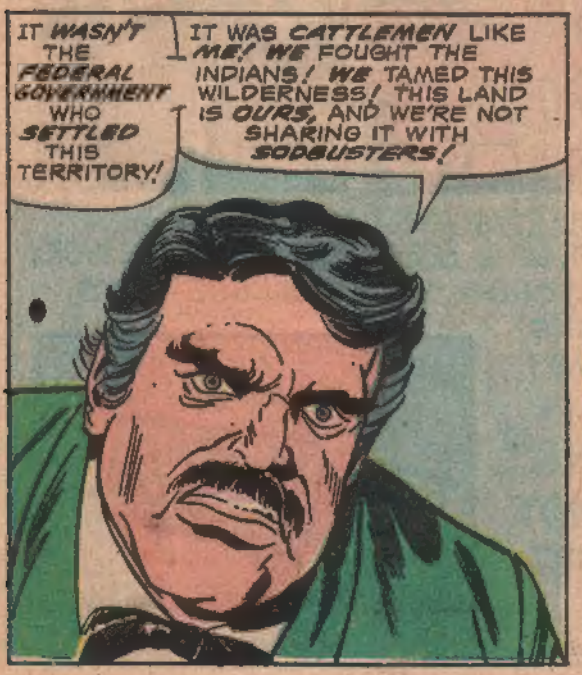

AND SO, ONCE AGAIN THE YOUNG FUGITIVE STARTS A NEW LIFE, HOPING TO BURY HIS NOTORIOUS PAST... BUT KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THE ODDS ARE AGAINST HIM!
I'VE AN HONEST JOB... AND THERE'S A GAL WHO TAKES A FANCY TO ME!
BUT HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE SOME HOMBRE RECOGNIZES THE INFAMOUS RAWHIDE KID!
...OR BEFORE THE KIND OF TROUBLE COMES MY WAY THAT I CAN'T IGNORE!
BUT THAT'S TOMORROW'S PROBLEM! TILL THEN, I'M GONNA ENJOY THINGS AS BEST I CAN!


BUT EVEN AS THE KID PONDERS HIS PROSPECTS...
FIRST THOSE BLASTED SQUATTERS SETTLE ON MY LAND... AND NOW THEY'RE PUTTIN' UP FENCES!
GIVE US THE WORD, BOSS... AND, WE'LL RUN 'EM OFF!

NO, YOU MUSTN'T DAD! YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO HARM THE HOME-STEADERS!
THEY'RE FARMING ON FREE RANGE THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT!
THAT'S ENOUGH KATHY!


IT WASN'T THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO SETTLED THIS TERRITORY!
IT WAS CATTLEMEN LIKE ME! WE FOUGHT THE INDIANS! WE TAMED THIS WILDERNESS! THIS LAND IS OURS, AND WE'RE NOT SHARING IT WITH SODBUSTERS!

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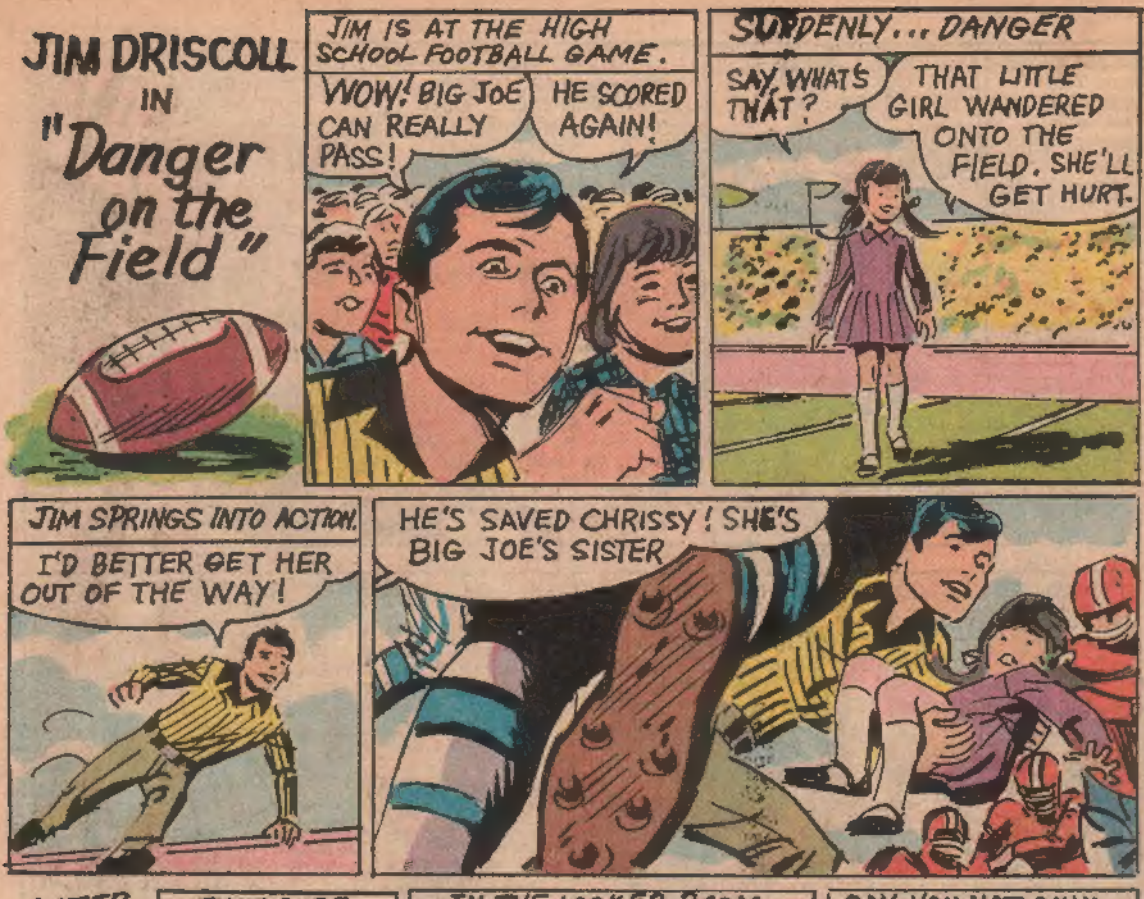
JIM DRISCOLL IN "Danger on the Field"


JIM IS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME.
WOW! BIG JOE CAN REALLY PASS!
HE SCORED AGAIN!
SUDDENLY... DANGER
SAY, WHAT'S THAT?
THAT LITTLE GIRL WANDERED ONTO THE FIELD. SHE'LL GET HURT.
JIM SPRINGS INTO ACTION.
I'D BETTER GET HER OUT OF THE WAY!
HE'S SAVED CHRISSY! SHE'S BIG JOE'S SISTER
LATER
THAT SURE WAS A HEROIC FEAT, JIM. BIG JOE WANTS TO THANK YOU HIMSELF.
IN THE LOCKER ROOM.
THANKS FOR SAVING MY SISTER, JIM. THAT WAS A BRAVE THING YOU DID.
SAY, YOU NOT ONLY ACT GROWN-UP, YOU DRESS THAT WAY, TOO. YOU'RE WEARING LEE LEENS, THE PANTS THAT I WEAR!
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NICE NIGHT! THINK I'LL TAKE A WALK!
HI!
HOWDY! YOU LOOK RIGHT PRETTY... STANDIN' THERE IN THE MOONLIGHT!
THAT'S NO SONNET... BUT IT'LL DO FOR A BEGINNIN'!
THAT YOUNG DRIFTER LOOKS LIKE HE'S FORGOT HIS PLACE!
WELL, I'LL SOON STRAIGTEN HIM OUT!
HEY, YOU-- YOU WERE HIRED TO WORK ON MY SPREAD -- NOT TO SWEET-TALK MY DAUGHTER!
DON'T LET ME CATCH YUH NEAR HER AGAIN!
BUT PA, HE WAS JUST BEIN' FRIENDLY!
SURE, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT I OBJECT TO!
IF YUH WANT FRIENDSHIP, MISSY, FIND IT WITH A RESPECTABLE GENT... A MAN WITH A GOOD BACKGROUND AND A PROMISING FUTURE... NOT WITH A COMMON COWPOKE!
OH, PA-- YOU'RE-- YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE!
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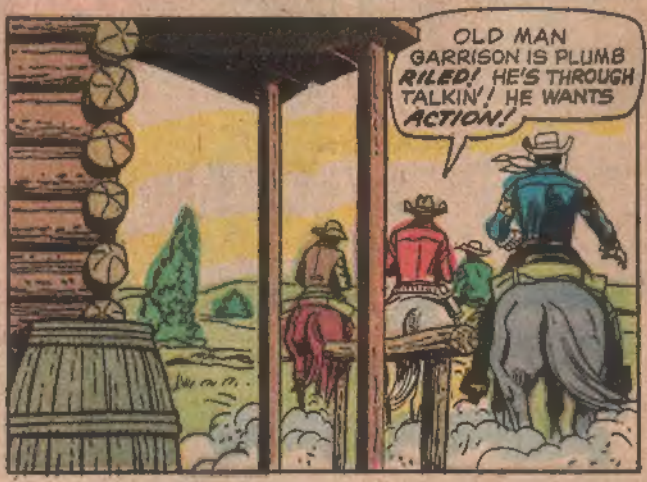
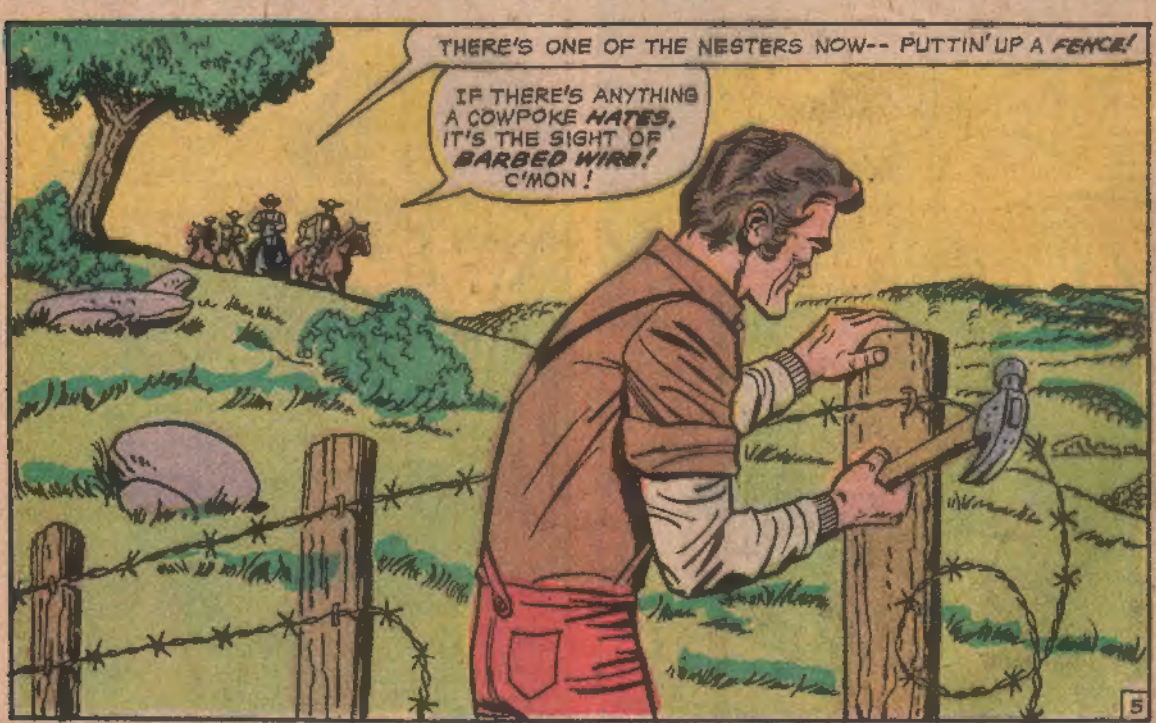
JOHNNY WAIT! PA DIDN'T MEAN IT!
HE SPELLED IT OUT, LOUD AND CLEAR!
GOOD NIGHT, KATHY!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...
SADDLE UP! WE'RE RIDIN'!
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
MORE SQUATTERS!


OLD MAN GARRISON IS PLUMB RILED! HE'S THROUGH TALKIN'! HE WANTS ACTION!


THERE'S ONE OF THE NESTERS NOW-- PUTTIN' UP A FENCE!
IF THERE'S ANYTHING A COWPOKE HATES, IT'S THE SIGHT OF BARBED WIRE! C'MON!
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ALRIGHT, SODBUSTER, START TAKIN' DOWN THE FENCE!
YOU HEARD THE MAN! MOVE IT!
NO! THIS IS MY LAND! I'VE A LEGAL RIGHT--
DON'T TALK TO US ABOUT RIGHTS, FARMER!...
THIS WAS COW COUNTRY BEFORE YOU NESTERS CAME...
...AND IT'LL STILL BE COUNTRY LONG AFTER YOU JASPERS ARE GONE!
NOW EITHER YOU TEAR DOWN THAT FENCE, OR WE WILL!
I DON'T LIKE THIS! I HIRED ON FOR WRANGLING, NOT BULLYING!
HEY, HE'S GOIN' FOR HIS RIFLE!
NOW I'D CALL THAT A MISTAKE!
YEH, ONE THAT COULD PROVE FATAL!
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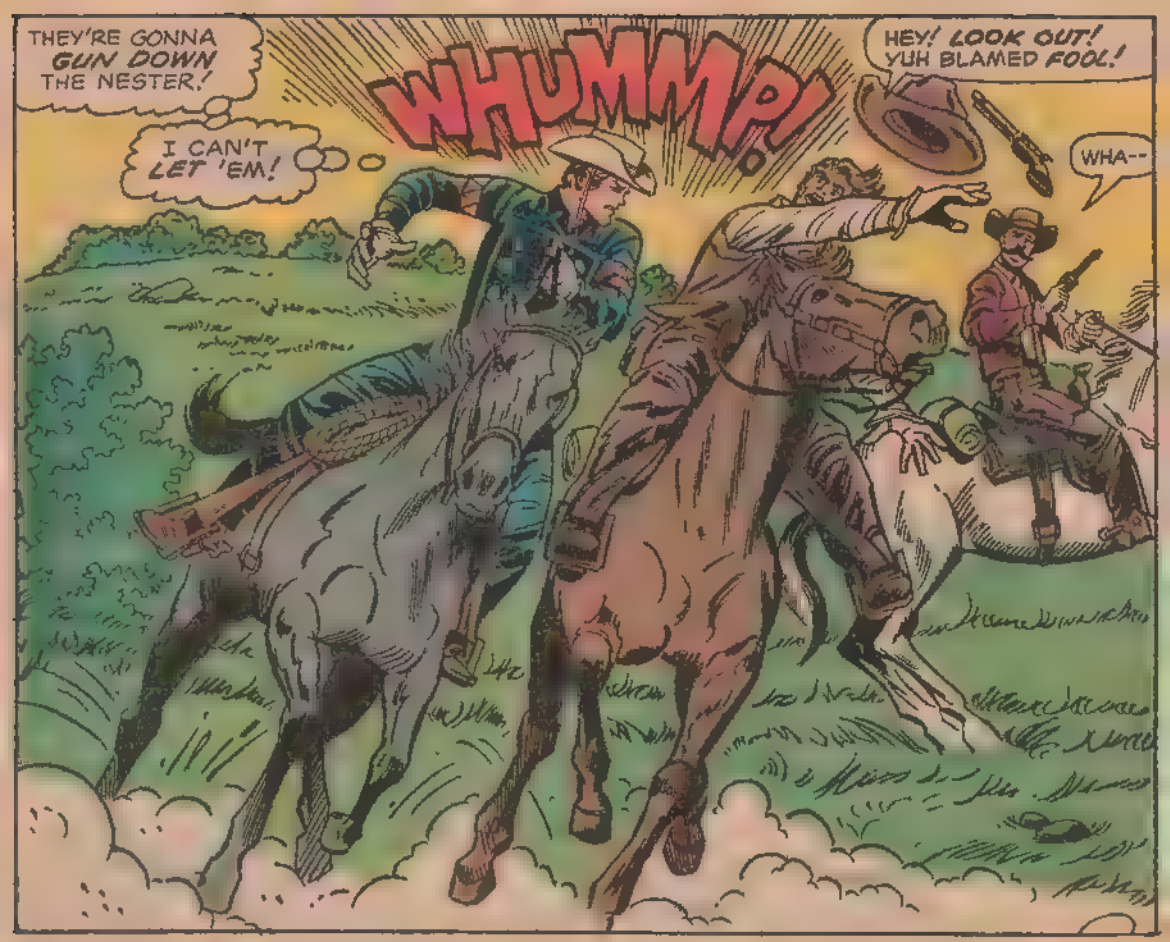
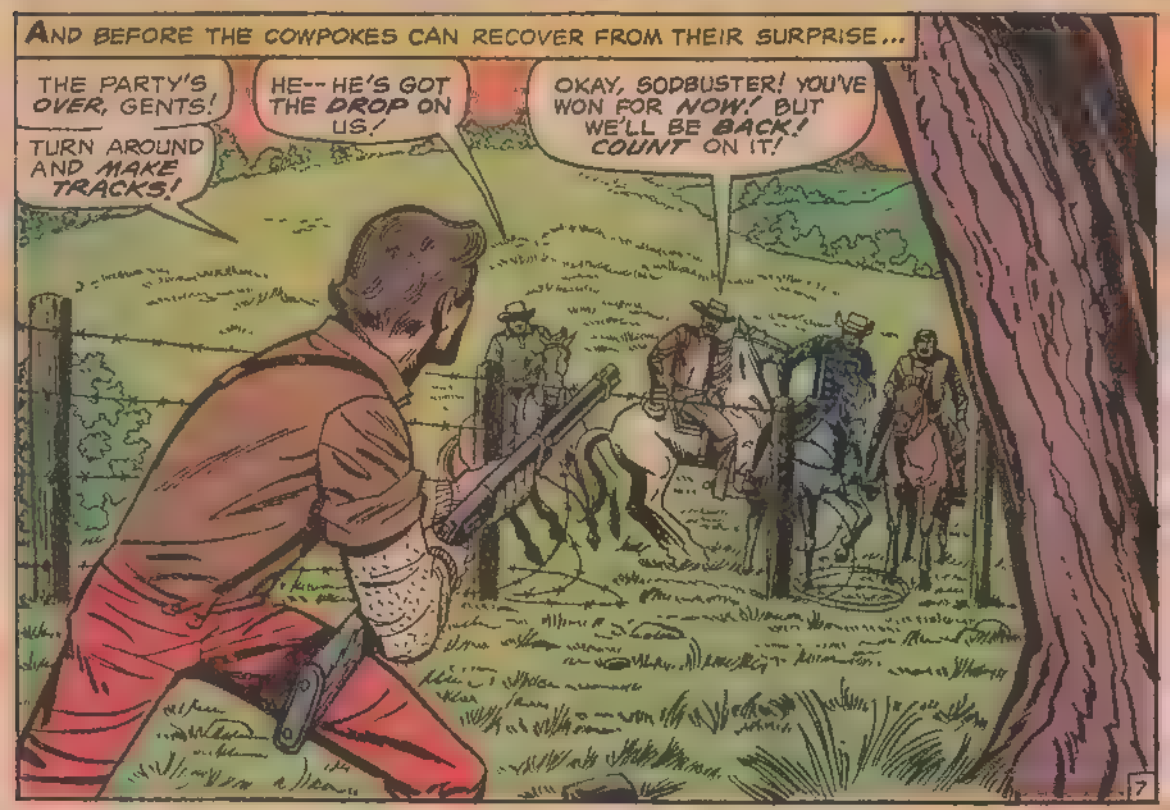

THEY'RE GONNA GUN DOWN THE NESTER!
I CAN'T LET 'EM!
WHUMMP!
HEY! LOOK OUT! YUH BLAMED FOOL!
WHA--


AND BEFORE THE COWPOKES CAN RECOVER FROM THEIR SURPRISE...
THE PARTY'S OVER, GENTS!
TURN AROUND AND MAKE TRACKS!
HE--HE'S GOT THE DROP ON US!
OKAY, SODBUSTER! YOU'VE WON FOR NOW! BUT WE'LL BE BACK! COUNT ON IT!
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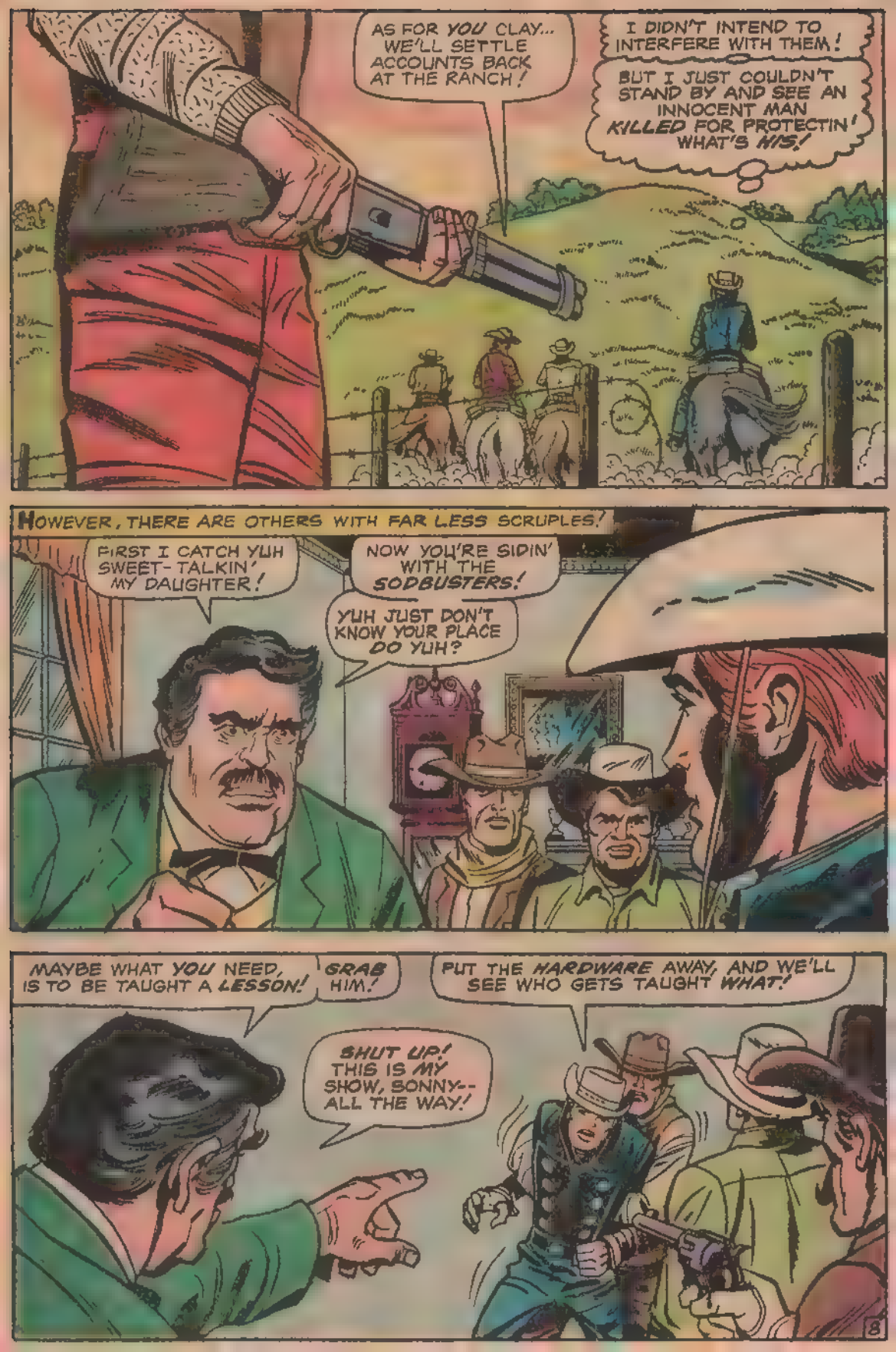
AS FOR YOU CLAY... WE'LL SETTLE ACCOUNTS BACK AT THE RANCH!
I DIDN'T INTEND TO INTERFERE WITH THEM!
BUT I JUST COULDN'T STAND BY AND SEE AN INNOCENT MAN KILLED FOR PROTECTIN' WHAT'S HIS!
HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHERS WITH FAR LESS SCRUPLES!
FIRST I CATCH YUH SWEET-TALKIN' MY DAUGHTER!
NOW YOU'RE SIDIN' WITH THE SODBUSTERS!
YUH JUST DON'T KNOW YOUR PLACE DO YUH?
MAYBE WHAT YOU NEED, IS TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!
GRAB HIM!
PUT THE HARDWARE AWAY, AND WE'LL SEE WHO GETS TAUGHT WHAT!
SHUT UP! THIS IS MY SHOW, SONNY-- ALL THE WAY!
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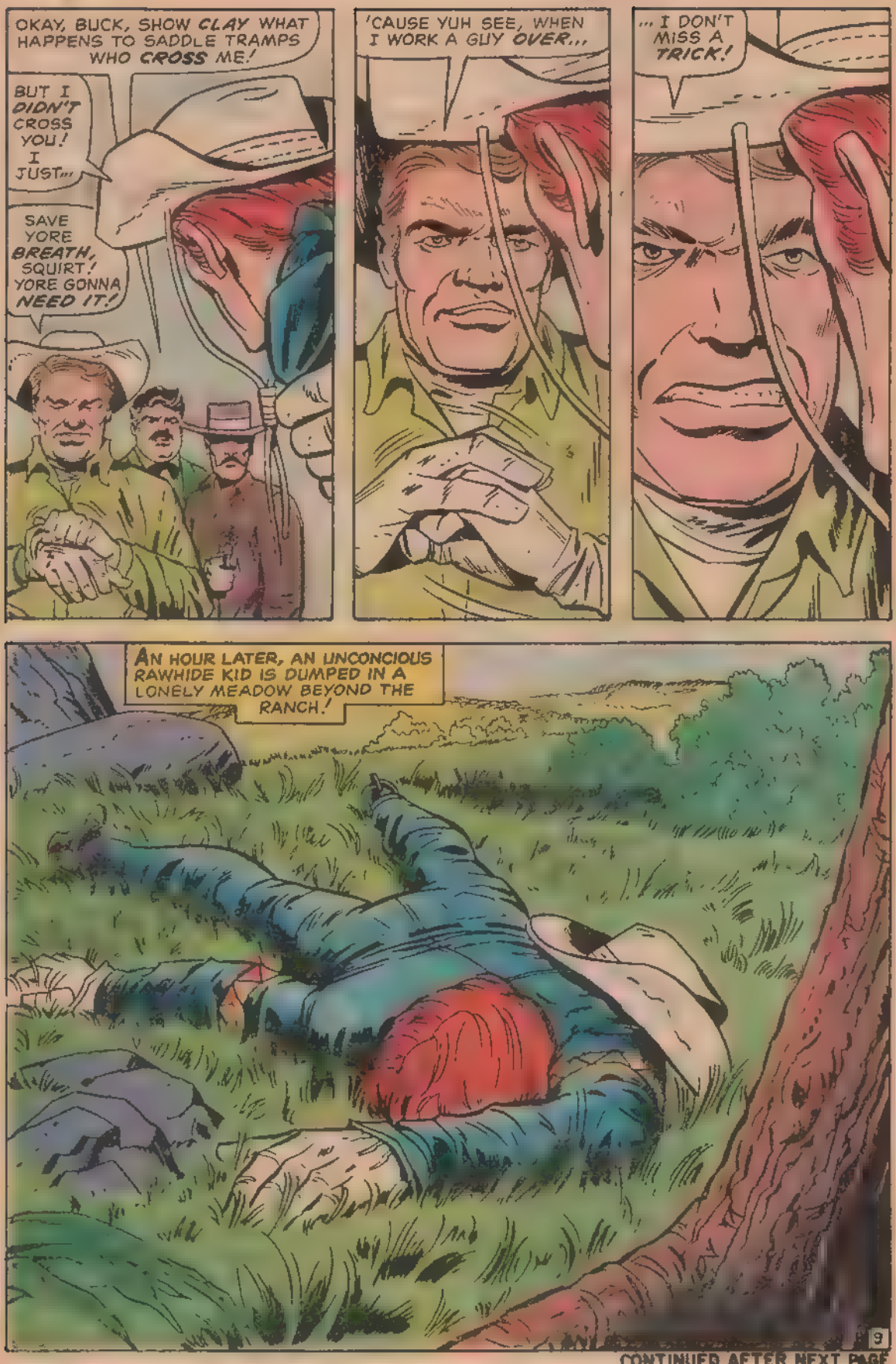
OKAY, BUCK, SHOW CLAY WHAT HAPPENS TO SADDLE TRAMPS WHO CROSS ME!
BUT I DIDN'T CROSS YOU! I JUST...
SAVE YORE BREATH, SQUIRT! YORE GONNA NEED IT!
'CAUSE YUH SEE, WHEN I WORK A GUY OVER...
... I DON'T MISS A TRICK!
AN HOUR LATER, AN UNCONCIOUS RAWHIDE KID IS DUMPED IN A LONELY MEADOW BEYOND THE RANCH!
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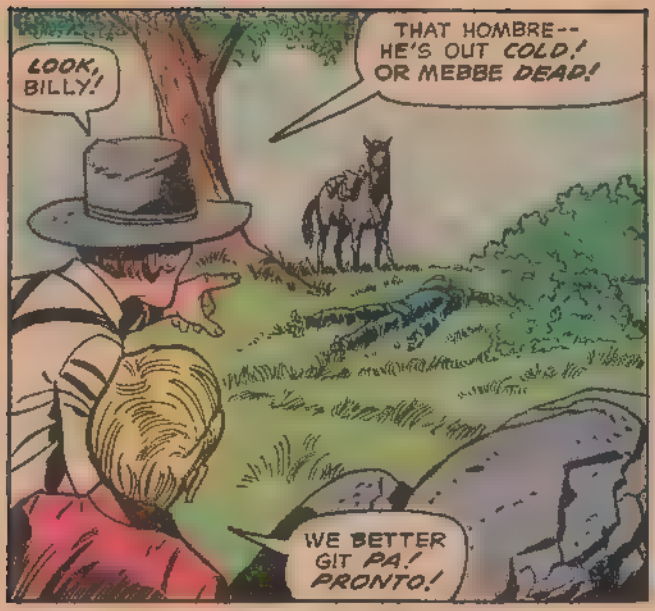
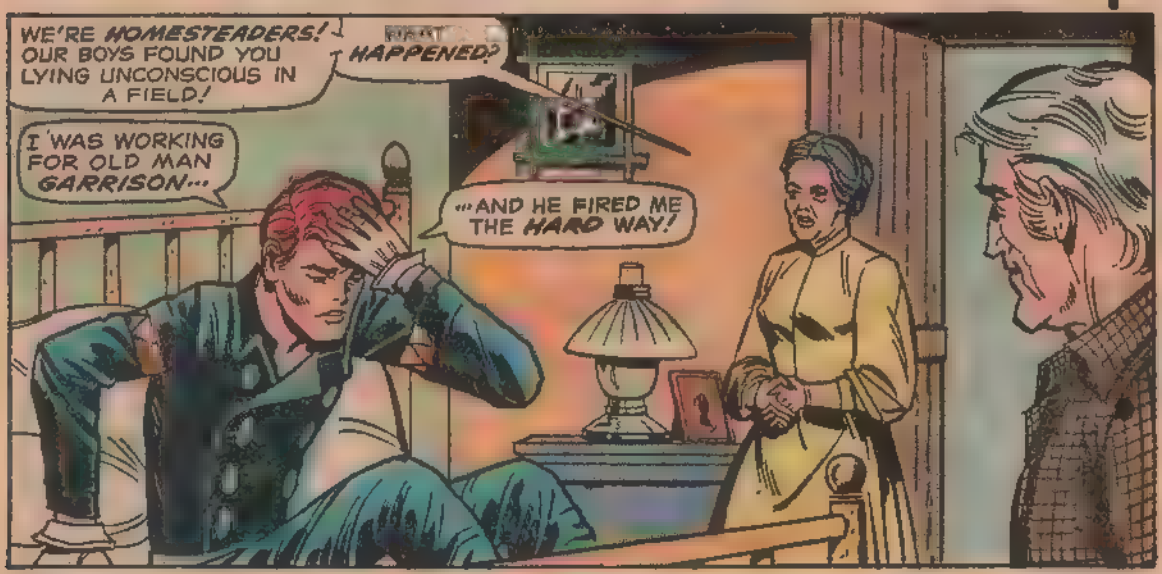
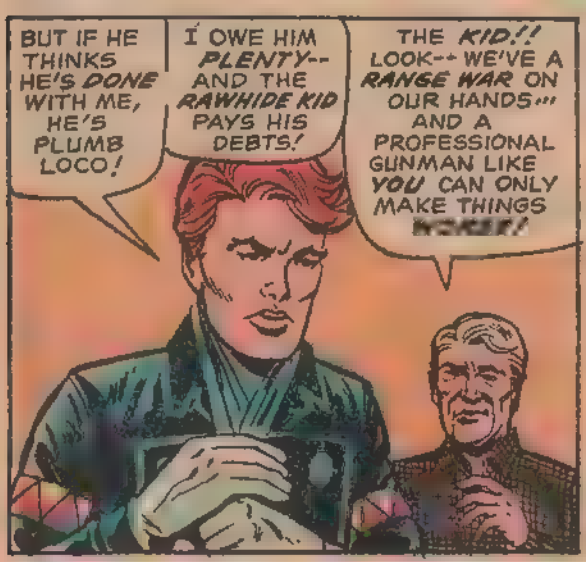
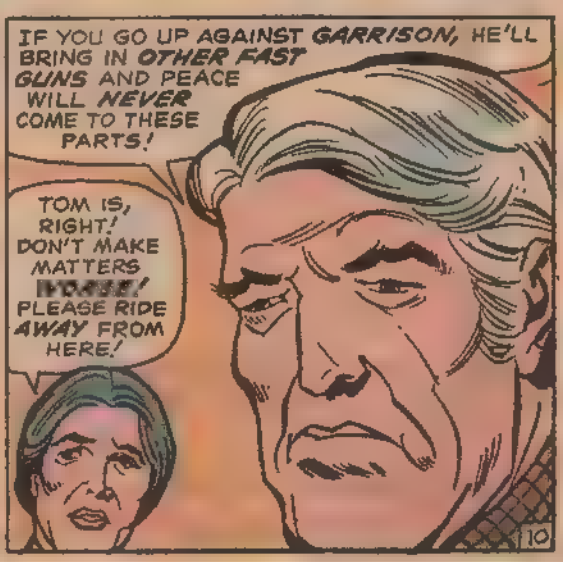
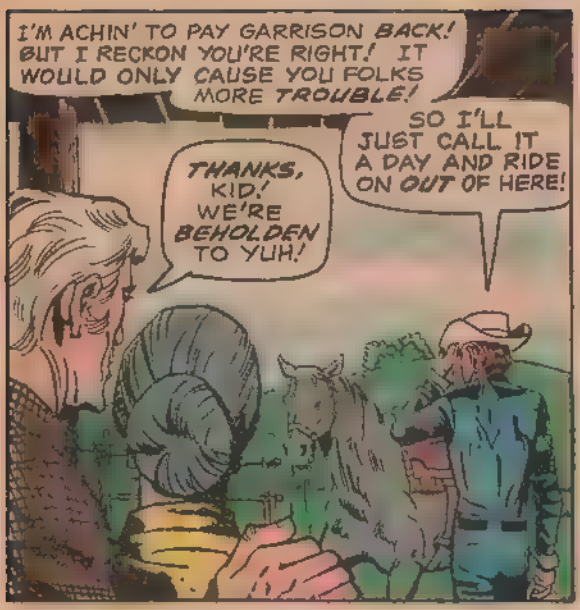

LOOK, BILLY!
THAT HOMBRE-- HE'S OUT COLD! OR MEBBE DEAD!
WE BETTER GIT PA! PRONTO!

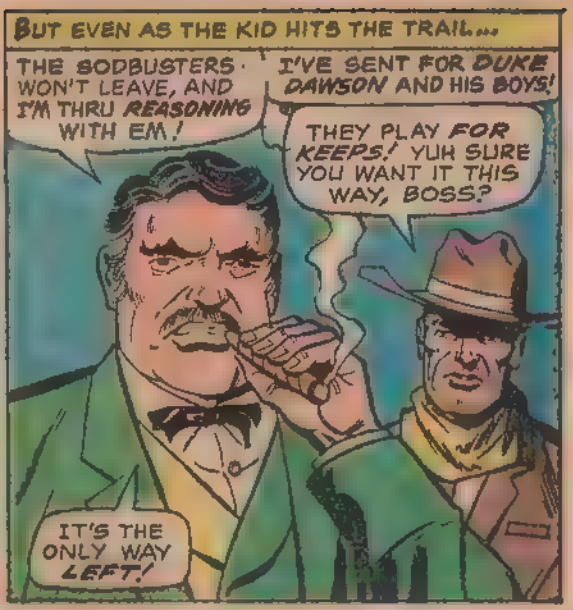
SOON, SIGHT AND SOUND RETURN--- ACCOMPANIED BY ACHES AND THROBS!
HOW'D I GET HERE?

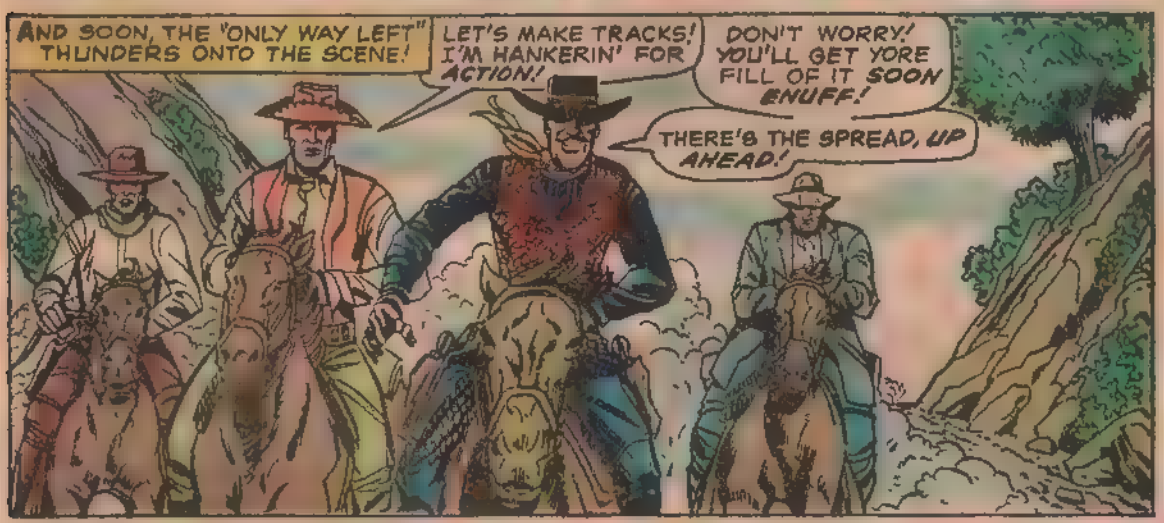

WE'RE HOMESTEADERS! OUR BOYS FOUND YOU LYING UNCONSCIOUS IN A FIELD!
WHAT HAPPENED?
I WAS WORKING FOR OLD MAN GARRISON...
...AND HE FIRED ME THE HARD WAY!

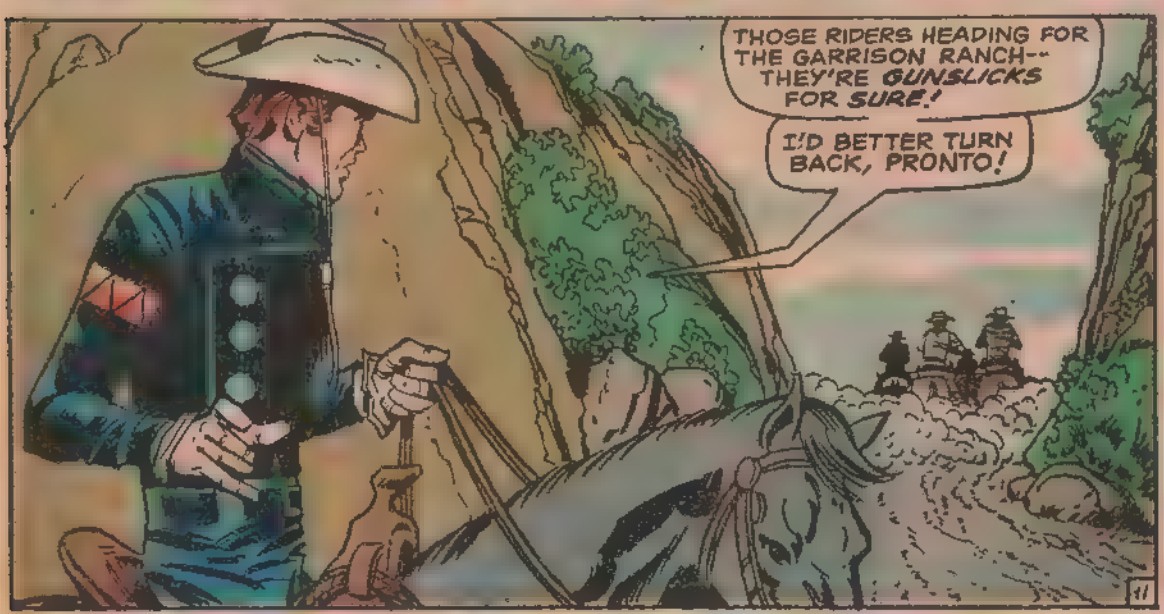

BUT IF HE THINKS HE'S DONE WITH ME, HE'S PLUMB LOCO!
I OWE HIM PLENTY-- AND THE RAWHIDE KID PAYS HIS DEBTS!
THE KID!! LOOK-- WE'VE A RANGE WAR ON OUR HANDS... AND A PROFESSIONAL GUNMAN LIKE YOU CAN ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE!

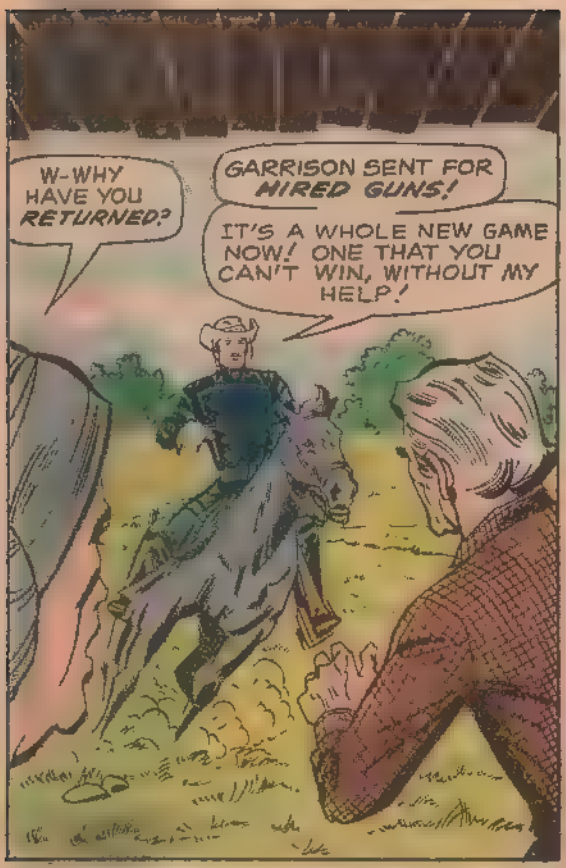

IF YOU GO UP AGAINST GARRISON, HE'LL BRING IN OTHER FAST GUNS AND PEACE WILL NEVER COME TO THESE PARTS!
TOM IS, RIGHT! DON'T MAKE MATTERS WORSE! PLEASE RIDE AWAY FROM HERE!


I'M ACHIN' TO PAY GARRISON BACK! BUT I RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT! IT WOULD ONLY CAUSE YOU FOLKS MORE TROUBLE!
SO I'LL JUST CALL IT A DAY AND RIDE ON OUT OF HERE!
THANKS, KID! WE'RE BEHOLDEN TO YUH!


BUT EVEN AS THE KID HITS THE TRAIL...
THE SODBUSTERS WON'T LEAVE, AND I'M THRU REASONING WITH EM!
I'VE SENT FOR DUKE DAWSON AND HIS BOYS!
THEY PLAY FOR KEEPS! YUH SURE YOU WANT IT THIS WAY, BOSS?
IT'S THE ONLY WAY LEFT!


AND SOON, THE "ONLY WAY LEFT" THUNDERS ONTO THE SCENE!
LET'S MAKE TRACKS! I'M HANKERIN' FOR ACTION!
DON'T WORRY! YOU'LL GET YORE FILL OF IT SOON ENUFF!
THERE'S THE SPREAD, UP AHEAD!


THOSE RIDERS HEADING FOR THE GARRISON RANCH-- THEY'RE GUNSLICKS FOR SURE!
I'D BETTER TURN BACK, PRONTO!



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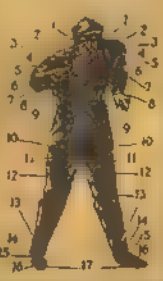

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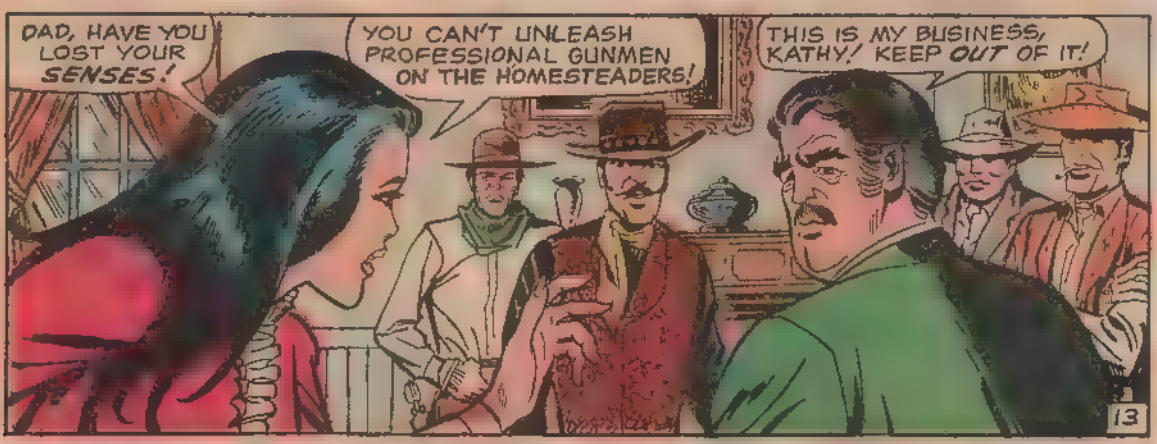
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SIMMER DOWN, LEWT, AND PUT AWAY THE IRON!
YEH! WE CAME HERE TO DO A JOB!
LET'S GET ON WITH IT!
AND WHILE THE GUNMEN PREPARE TO PLY THEIR TRADE...
I THOUGHT I COULD HANG THESE UP FOR GOOD...
...BUT I WAS WRONG!
GARRISON WANTS GUN PLAY...
...AND I'M JUST THE HOMBRE TO GIVE IT TO HIM!
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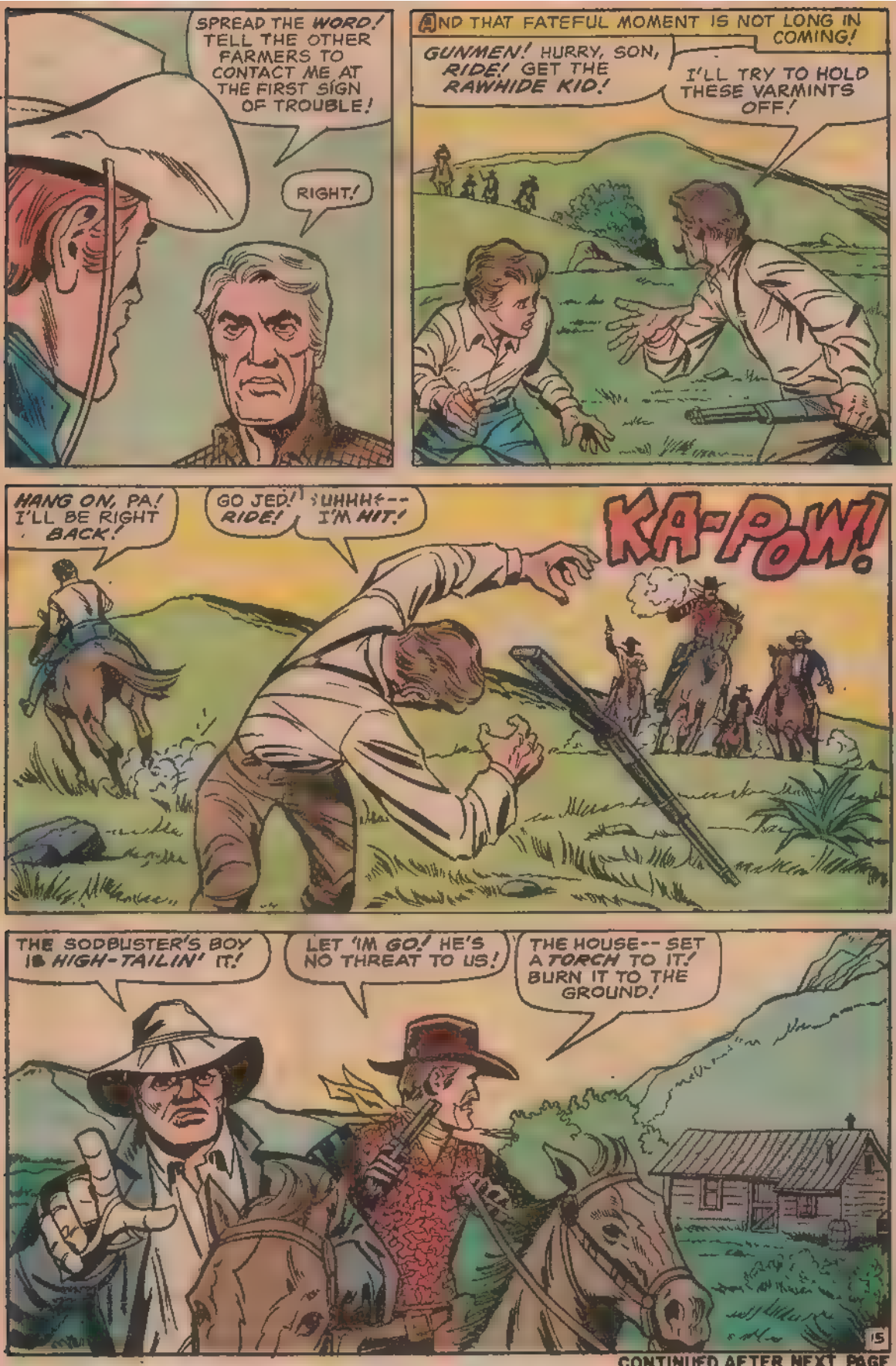
SPREAD THE WORD! TELL THE OTHER FARMERS TO CONTACT ME AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE!
RIGHT!
AND THAT FATEFUL MOMENT IS NOT LONG IN COMING!
GUNMEN! HURRY, SON, RIDE! GET THE RAWHIDE KID!
I'LL TRY TO HOLD THESE VARMINTS OFF!
HANG ON, PA! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
GO JED! RIDE!
UHHH!-- I'M HIT!
KA-POW!
THE SODBUSTER'S BOY IS HIGH-TAILIN' IT!
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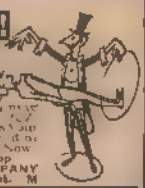

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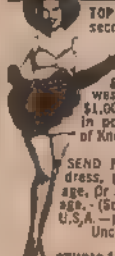

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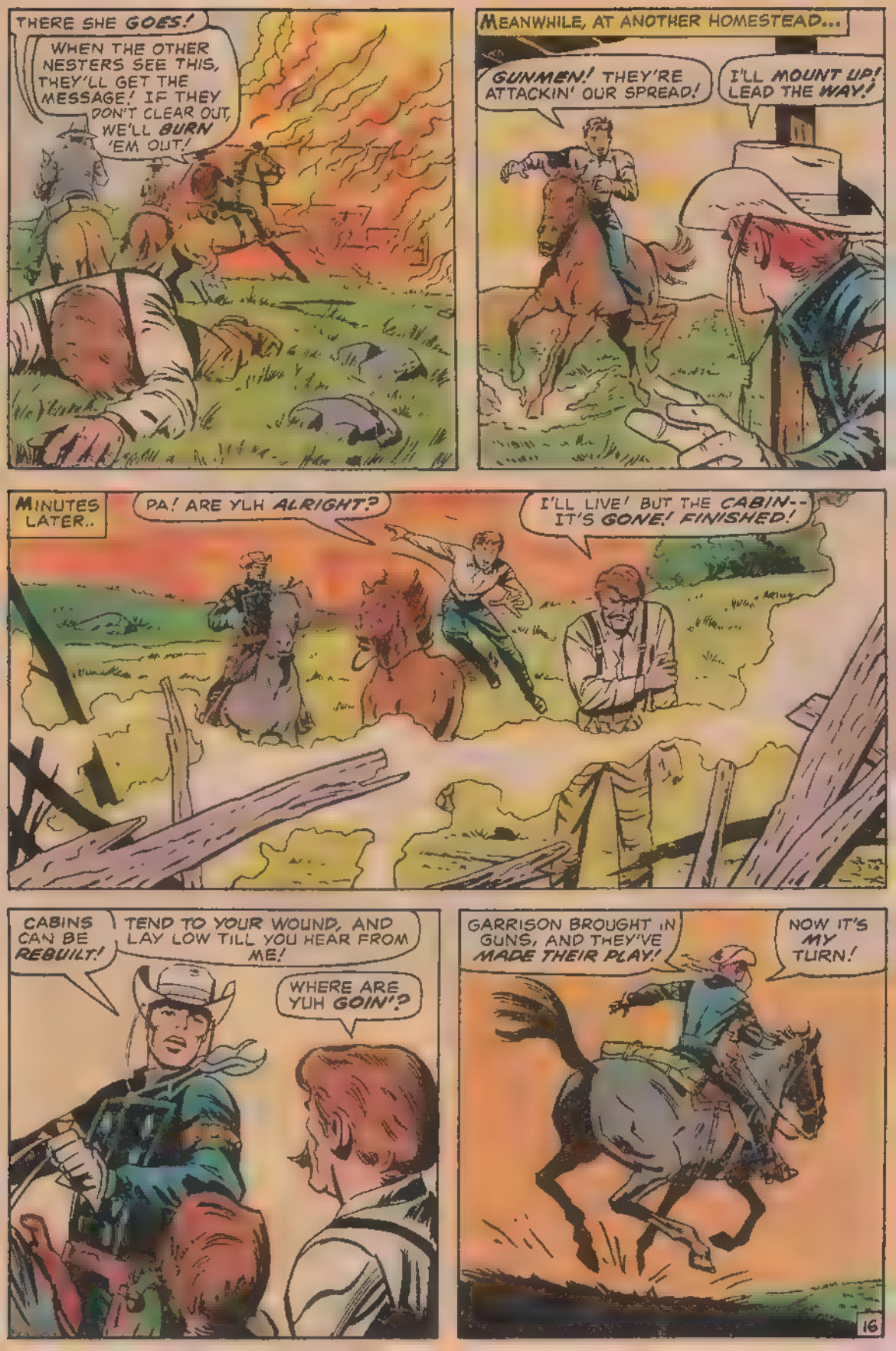
THERE SHE GOES!
WHEN THE OTHER NESTERS SEE THIS, THEY'LL GET THE MESSAGE! IF THEY DON'T CLEAR OUT, WE'LL BURN 'EM OUT!
MEANWHILE, AT ANOTHER HOMESTEAD...
GUNMEN! THEY'RE ATTACKIN' OUR SPREAD!
I'LL MOUNT UP! LEAD THE WAY!
MINUTES LATER..
PA! ARE YLH ALRIGHT?
I'LL LIVE! BUT THE CABIN-- IT'S GONE! FINISHED!
CABINS CAN BE REBUILT!
TEND TO YOUR WOUND, AND LAY LOW TILL YOU HEAR FROM ME!
WHERE ARE YUH GOIN'?
GARRISON BROUGHT IN GUNS, AND THEY'VE MADE THEIR PLAY!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
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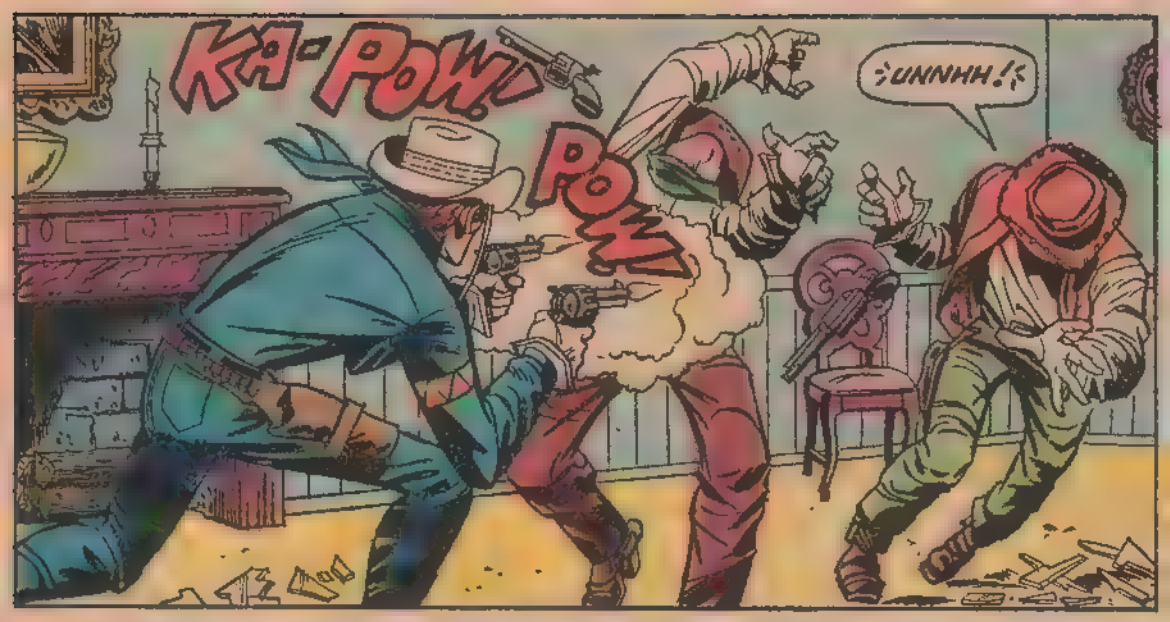
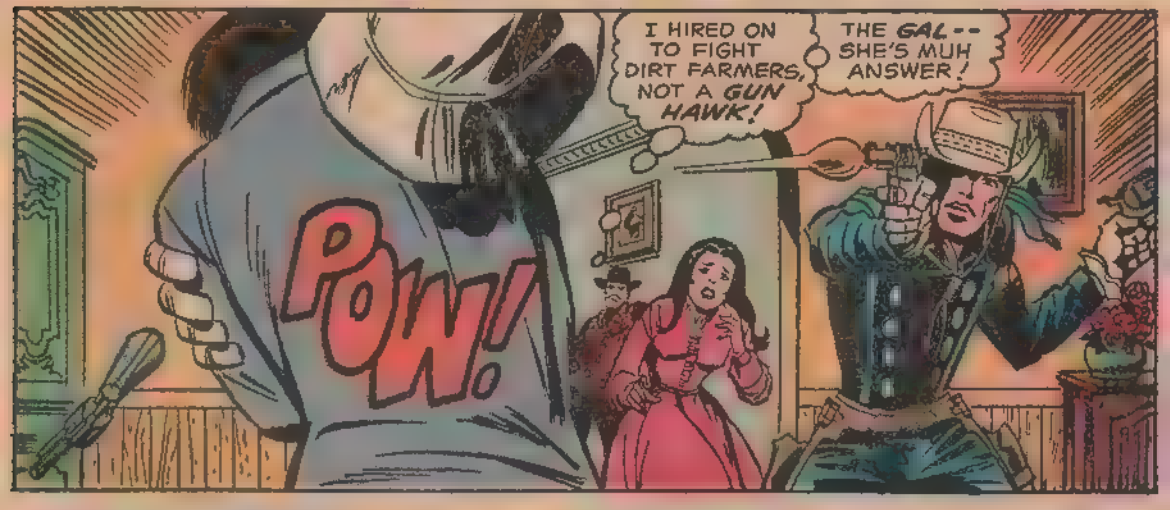
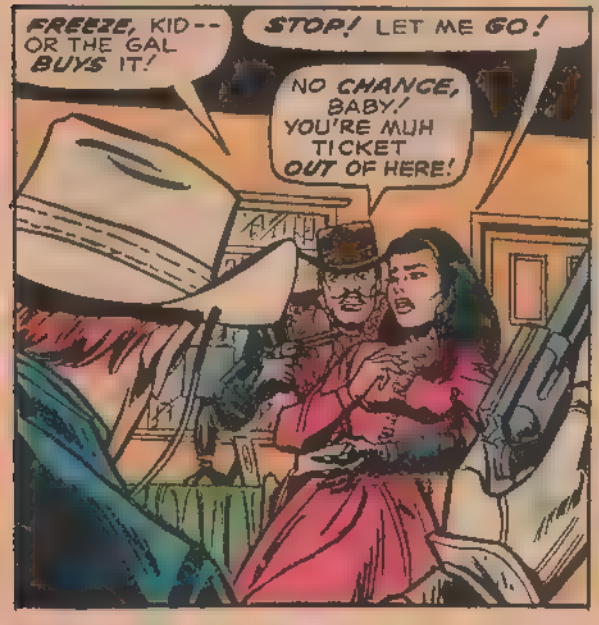
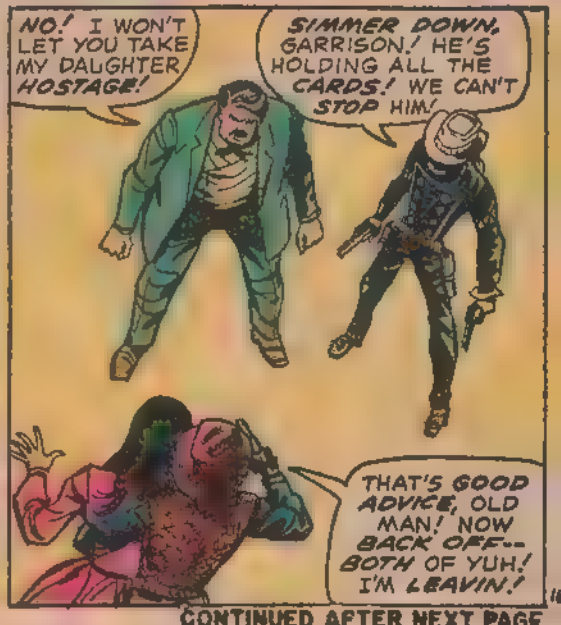
IT'S THAT SQUIRT, JOHNNY CLAY! DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE HIM AGAIN!
JOHNNY CLAY? WHERE I COME FROM, HE'S CALLED THE RAWHIDE KID!
GRAB YORE HARDWARE!
TOO LATE TO SURPRISE THEM! THEY'VE SPOTTED ME!
KRAK!
KRAK!
KRAK!
THEY'LL EXPECT ME TO PULL BACK, AND TAKE COVER!
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO RUN...
...NOT FROM THESE POLECATS!
LOOK OUT!








NO! I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY DAUGHTER HOSTAGE!
SIMMER DOWN, GARRISON! HE'S HOLDING ALL THE CARDS! WE CAN'T STOP HIM!
THAT'S GOOD ADVICE, OLD MAN! NOW BACK OFF -- BOTH OF YUH! I'M LEAVIN'!

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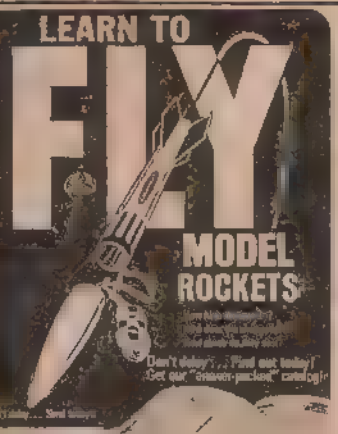

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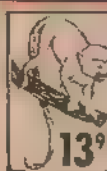

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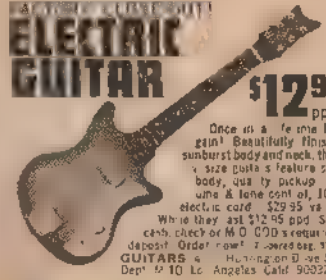

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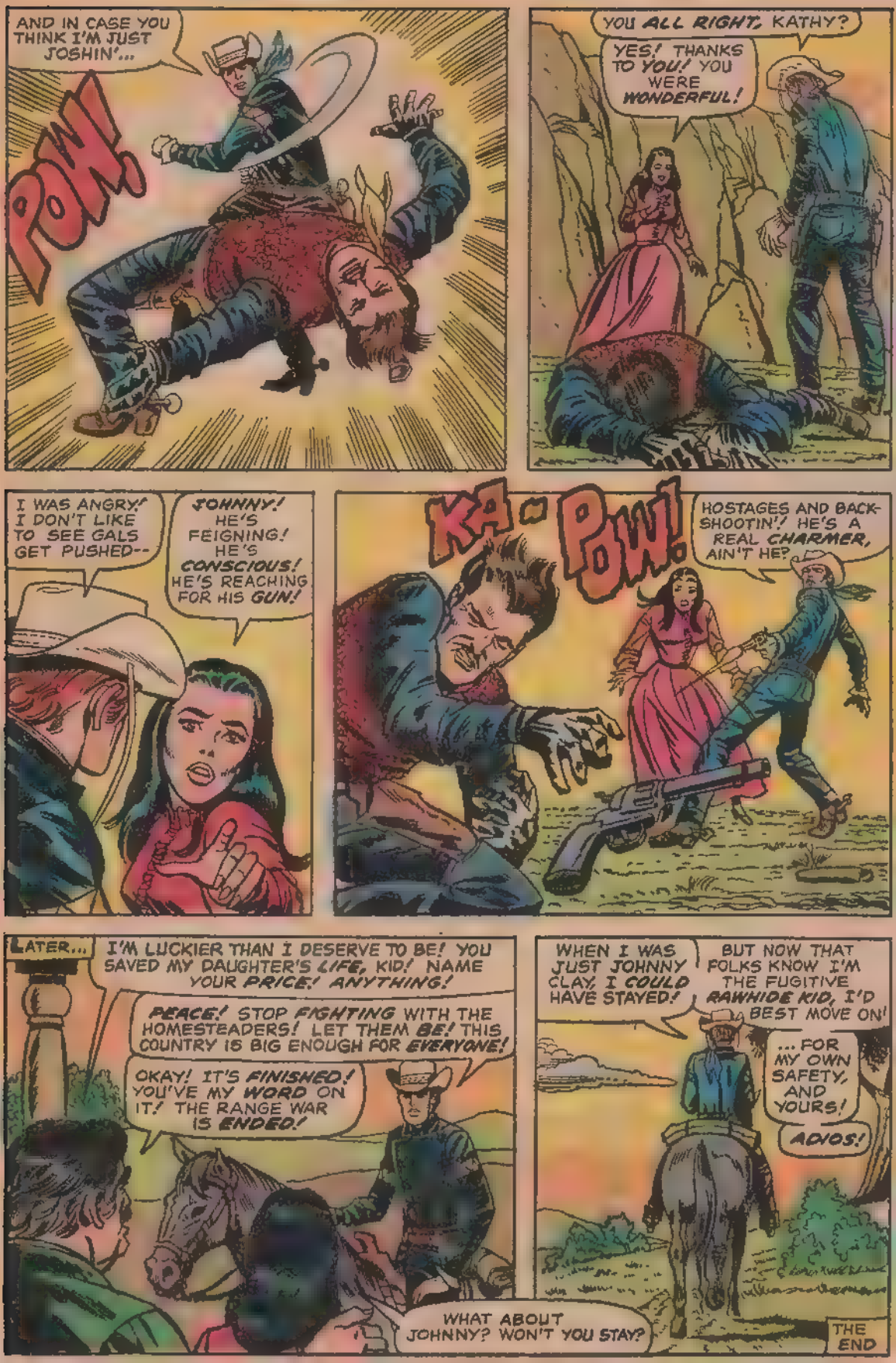
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ITEM! Wow! It's hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since mighty Marvel walked off with most of fandom's highly coveted Alley Awards. Anyway, we just received the results of the famous Comic Art Fans and Collectors' latest balloting, and guess who captured most of the awards again this year? Want a hint? It wasn't Gamal Nasser! Even though we hate to sound as though we're doing our own back-patting ('cause you know our modesty has become a household word!), we feel we owe it to all our blushin' boosters to clue you in — so here goes. Best Adventure Title: FANTASTIC FOUR. Best Writer: RASCALLY ROY THOMAS. (Someone give Stan a handkerchief!) Best Pencil Artist: NEAL ADAMS. Best Inking Artist: TOM PALMER. Best Cover of the Year: CAPTAIN AMERICA #13. Best Full-Length Feature Story: SILVER SURFER #5. Best Short Feature Story: TOWER OF SHADOWS #1, "At The Stroke of Midnight!" Best Adventure Hero: SPIDER-MAN. Best Villain: DR. DOOM. Best Supporting Character: RICK JONES —Well, we could go on and on, but you're liable to think we're braggin'! By the way, heartiest congrats to an old friend, DICK GIORDANO, for beating our leader out of the Best Editor slot by one fateful vote. Stan would have congratulated you personally, but he's too busy jumping out of the window! (Special to Roy: We're proud of you, Mr. T., for copping the Best Writer Award. Even ol' Smiley is out there cheering thru his tears!)

ITEM! As if GENIAL GENE COLAN isn't satisfied with knockin' 'em dead with his awesome artistry on CAPTAIN AMERICA and DAREDEVIL, plus a rollickin' romance tale or two, our perennial favorite will soon start pencilling THE BLACK WIDOW (which appears in AMAZING ADVENTURES, as if you didn't know) on a regular basis. We figured that was that until he phoned the other day to ask what else he could do for us in his spare time!

STAN'S SOAPBOX

This month a dream has come true, and I'm bustin' to share the excitement with you. Time and again I've announced that one of our prime objectives here at Marvel is to upgrade the image of comic-books in the mind of the public. You and I, and all of us who are into the comics thing, know it for the creative and relevant art it truly is—but, to much of the uninitiated public, alas, it's still kid stuff. Therefore, in order to help propagate the faith, we've finally taken a giant step forward. Having contacted virtually every artist, writer, and comic-mag creator in the field, I couldn't wait to tell you the big news. An industry-wide society, to be called the ACADEMY OF COMIC-BOOK ARTS has just been formed, which, hopefully, will do for comics what the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has done for films, and what the Academy of TV Arts and Sciences has done for television. "ACBA" will be a forum, a fraternity, and a free wheeling foundation upon which to build a greater-than ever comic-book medium. We'll have exhibits in world-famous galleries, a lecture bureau to provide speakers to interested groups here and overseas; and an annual awards ceremony in which we, the pros, will recognize and reward the finest artistic and literary contributions from within our field. There are of course many, many more prestigious projects in the wind, and you better believe I'll keep you posted as we go zooming along. Meanwhile, here's a toast to you the reader, without whose support and enthusiasm the whole thing would be meaningless—and to all the titanically talented guys and gals in comicdom assembled, as we travel together towards a new, brightly-beckoning future in the way-out world of comics!

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Stan Lee

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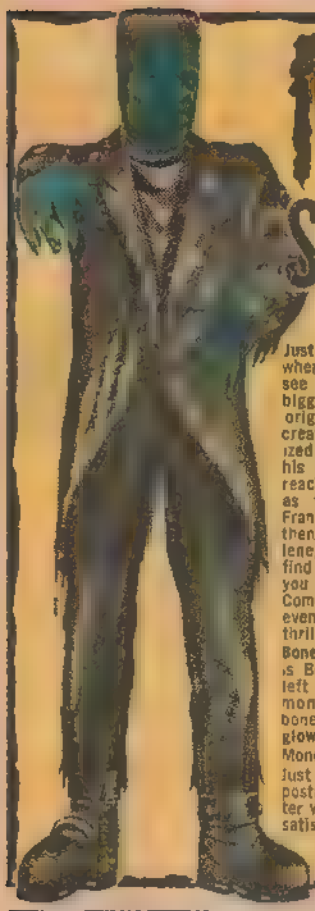

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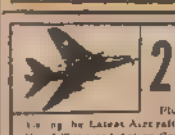

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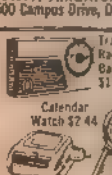

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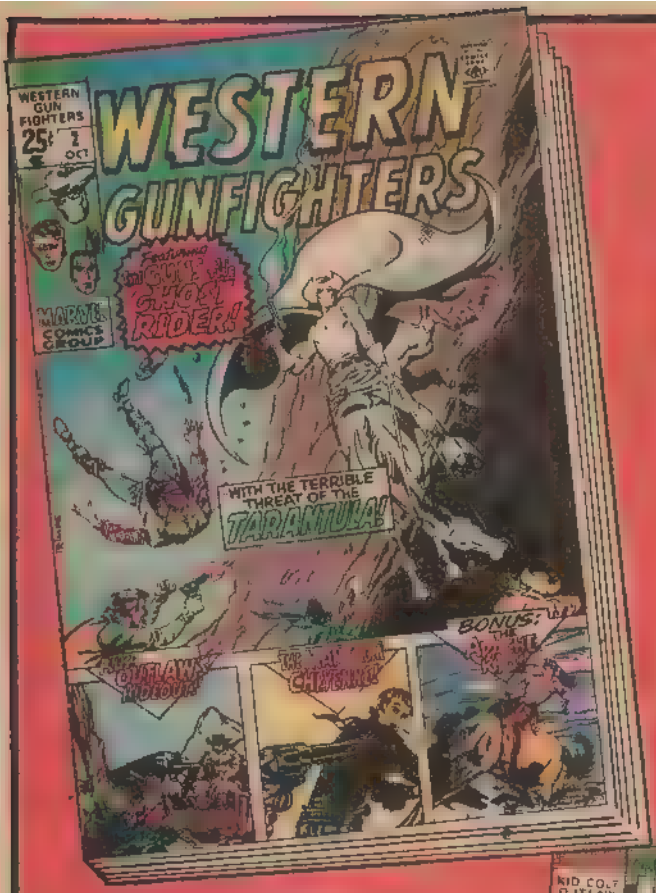

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Dear Stan and Larry,

For over six years I have been reading RAWHIDE KID (I am a Western fan of the old school), along with your other western features, and suffering through wishy-washy cliches, hackneyed plots and weak heroes, suitable only for those not old enough to know better—all the time looking for a good, realistic, colorful story depicting the Old West as it was. My figuring was this: since you put out such spectacular super-hero yarns, your westerns should be equally good. They weren't.

Then today I picked up issue #78 of the RAWHIDE KID. Imagine my surprise when you produced a readable plot! Matt Tanner was great! He was colorful and almost real. The idea of a featured hero and clan vengeance was one of the best I've read since Stan and the King were doing the strip. Johnny riding with Tanner was good. Even a loner picks up friends along the way.

But then you blew it. Disillusioning the hero-worshipper was something you've used so often I've lost count. The final showdown was good, but typical until the last few panels.

Now comes helpful hint time. Use more Tanners, more of the colorful characters that made the west; they give the strip a realism that strengthens it. Use Johnny Clay as a human being more often; I haven't seen him in months. And for Pete's sake, remember you're writing a Western mag. Use it. The West was full of such beings as Tanner; good gunmen and bad (Elza Lay and Kid Curry respectively). Clay is a gunfighter; you keep forgetting that. He's never yet been in a range-war, nor hired out for a good cause (or bad). Have him pal up more often; he's not the only decent guy around. You just proved that. Take the spotlight off him in favor of a featured hero once in a while. It's refreshing and more realistic.

If you take even one of these hints, you might get yourself a believable Western mag. If not, I'll leave you to your own devices. But I'll have to admit, you're coming. If the strip lasts ten more years you might just make it.

Until you do, MARVELIOUS REX.

Richard Durham, Hobart College
Geneva, N.Y. 14456

Marvelious Rex?? Now that's a fishy line to find in a RAWHIDE KID letter, Richard! Oh well, just so long as you're willing to wait the ten years you said we'd need.

Dear Stan and Larry,

SHOWDOWN TIME!! RAWHIDE KID #77 was great but there was a big mistake on page #10 frame #1: where Dave Logan said, "Get lost . . . and what are you a Boy Scout?". This unfortunate phrase is way off in timing, between 23 and 30 years off.

I figger your story is around 1877-1880's because of his irons. He carries Colt Double Action .45s (or at least is in the time period of Kid Colt who carries them). Colt's first double action irons were the Army Double Action .45 and the smaller Lightning Model. These were produced in 1877. From a past Kid Colt, where in retrieving his Colts it is said they were 2 of the few Double Actions in the territory I would say that this points out it was early years of the Double Action.

Now, Boy Scouts started in South Africa in 1900 and in the United States in 1910, so you can see the gap in time.

I have been in Scouting for 11 years and dislike the way scouting is used in derogatory remarks. But I am a loyal Marvel fan, so . . . MAKE IT A MARVEL, PARDNER!!

P. S. Bring back the Ghost Rider.

Jim Cook, 728 South 2nd West
Missoula, Montana 59801

We did bring him back, Jim — try looking in WESTERN GUNFIGHTERS. As for your argument on the Boy Scouts — guess all we can say is congratulations on your detective work! You're probably right about the time of our way-out Westerns, and so the phrase was wrong. And, given the job you did on that, guess we do owe you and all other Scouts an apology for the way we used the term. Our only excuse is that the term is used that way by folks who don't know any better. Sooo, stay with us, Pardner!

Dear Stan and Larry,

I am a long time reader of RAWHIDE KID and enjoy the mag very much. However, the plots have been getting a little stale lately. I think the Kid should do some traveling.

The Kid lives in the period of time when Hawaii was first being settled. He could be blamed for a serious crime (which he didn't commit) and be forced to flee the country. He could then take refuge on Hawaii for a few issues. Then he'd be cleared and would be able to return to his familiar Wild West. Think about it gang!

Anyhow, I'll be faithful 'til Rawhide Kid meets Patsy Walker!

Ernie Sazton, 2590 Lightwood Ave.
Bethel Park, Pa. 15102

Well, Ernie, that should keep you faithful for the next few issues, at least! But seriously, you offer an intriguing idea . . . so what do the rest of you Rawhide rannies think??

Dear Stan and Larry,

First of all, I would like to compliment you on RAWHIDE KID #75 and #78. These are the kind of stories I like.

But, I have a question about RAWHIDE KID #75 — on page 7, you have the Kid being shot with a rifle. But, on the cover, you have Slade standing over the Kid with his pistol smoking. So, what about a no-prize?

If not, still Make Mine Marvel!! Calvin Hardy, Rt. 2, Box 88
Starr, South Caroline 29684

Glad to know you'll still be with us, Cal. About that question: will you believe our cover artist goofed? How about if we bribe you with a no-prize? O.K.? It should be on its way to you by Pony No-Express!

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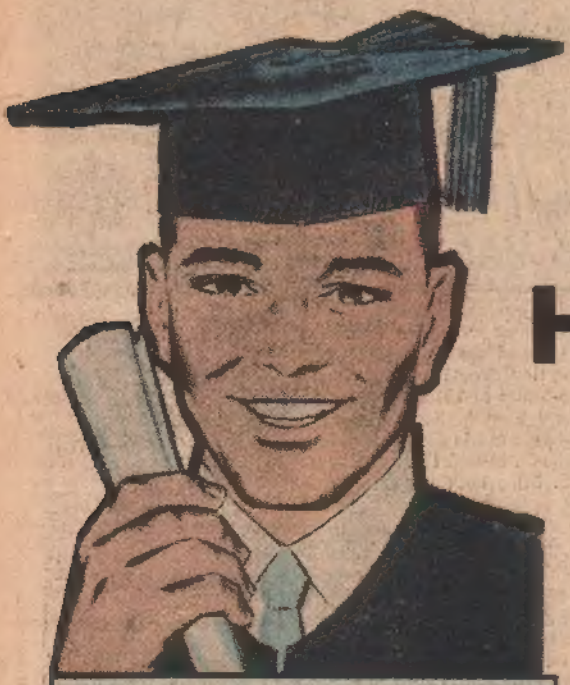

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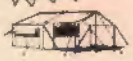
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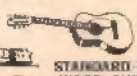
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